(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is no scope for diversification or expansion of SAIL to absorb the surplus staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Based on a study, the size of Steel Auhority of India Limited's manpower was found to be in excess of its requirement which affected its competitiveness and hence profitability. Accordingly, SAIL drew up a programme in the year 2000 for a phased reduction in its manpower. During 2003-2004, 10,000 employees are sought to be reduced through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme as well as superannuation and other separations.

(c) No such scope exists.

Allocation for Education Sector

†*294. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 43,825 crores has been allotted to education sector during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the exact amount thereof;

(c) the amount-wise allocation for development and extension of primary education, secondary education, higher education and commercial education out of said amount; and

(d) the actual amount spent in each of the above sectors during the past years of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir .

(b) does not arise

(c) There is no sector known as 'commercial education'. Sector-wise allocation for Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Higher

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Education and Technical Education during the Tenth Five Year Plan is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Sector	Allocations
1. Elementary Education	28750.00
2. Secondary Education	4325.00
3. Higher Education	4176.50
4. Technical Education	4700.00

(d) Plan expenditure during the last six years *i.e.* from 1997-98 to 2002-2003 under the above sectors is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

YEAR	Elementary Education	Secondary Education	University & Hr. Education	Technical Education
1997-1998	2234.94	245.85	374.00	298.23
1998-1999	2749.83	422.53	392.73	292.10
1999-2000	2851.97	484.83	461.91	473.13
2000-2001	3117.39	554.08	497.55	494.00
2001-2002	3569.16	615.39	544.73	552.08
2002-2003	4259.29	578.14	619.14	600.47

Metro Project at Kolkata

*295. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Metro Rail Authority of Kolkata has released any amount of KMC from the date of inception of Metro Project at Kolkata for restoration of road, drainage and sewerage system, water pipe-line, street light, parks and gardens and CRAVC from Esplanade to Syam Bazar Fice Point; and